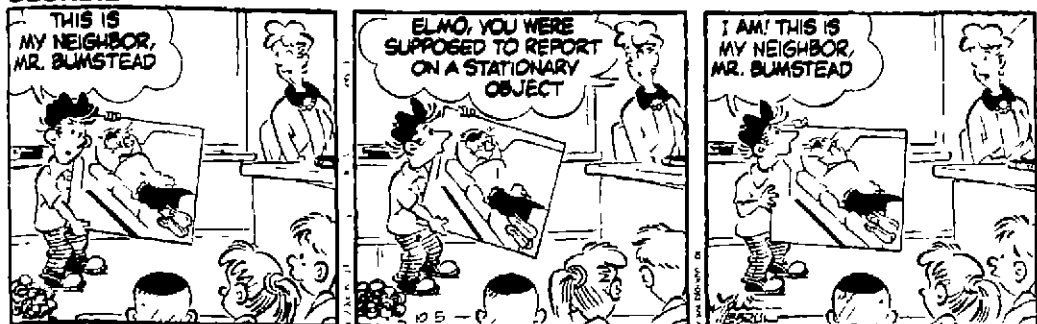


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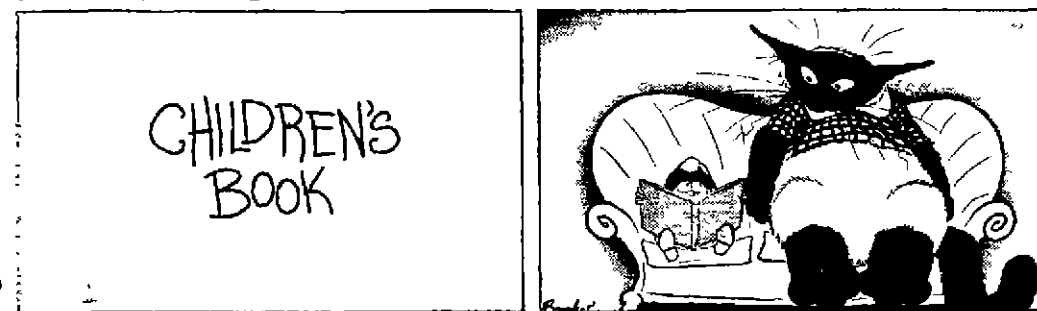
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THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



JUMP START



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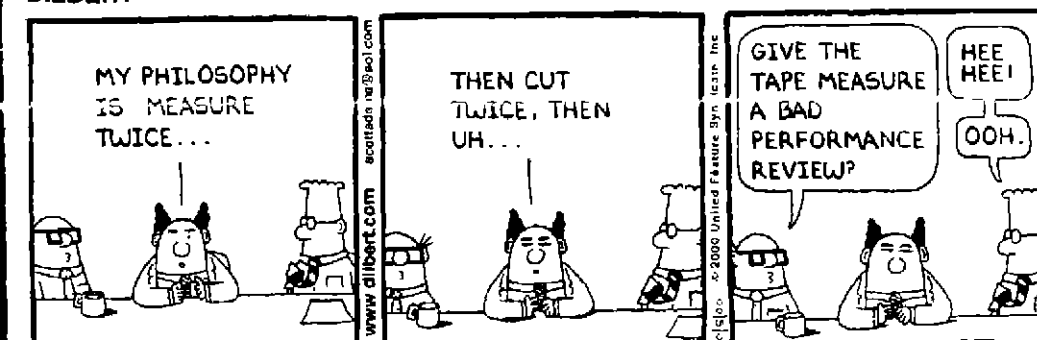
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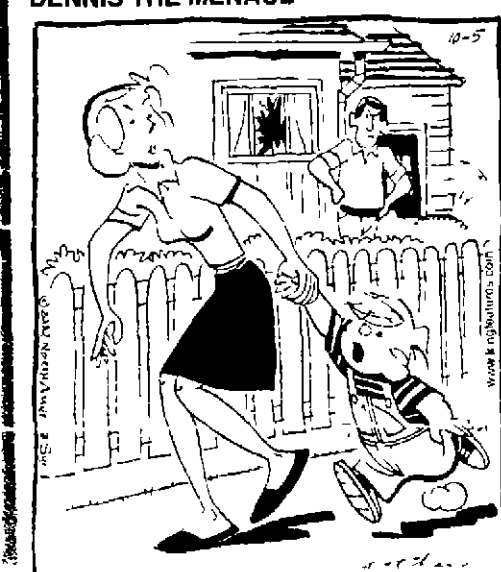
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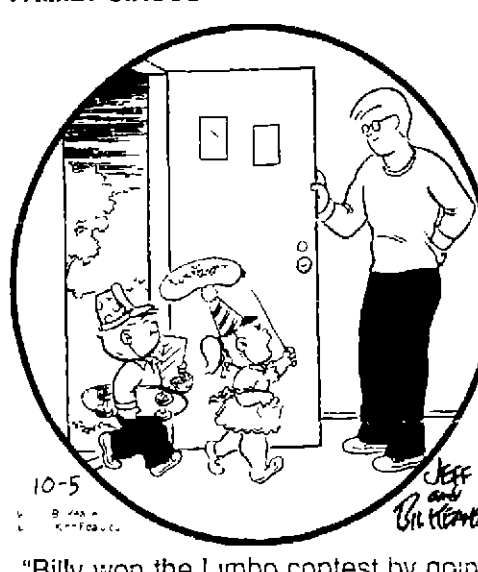
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DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



HOROSCOPE

For Friday, Oct. 6, 2000

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your career will be advanced through an unexpected series of events. Resist the temptation to rush a personal relationship.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You will be back in top form after a frustrating period of lethargy.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It might be best to pass on volunteering to help out someone else. There will be duties around the home that need your attention.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) An overly ambitious co-worker might cause some difficulties. The situation will soon ease up.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) If you are worried about your performance, take a step back and try to gauge others' responses.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You might not want to reveal your true feelings to someone just yet.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You'll hear from an older friend or relative. Be sure that you listen to what they have to say.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A leadership vacuum will arise and need to be refilled. Everyone will have a collective sigh of relief as you move onto a new stage of a project.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) The harder you work the better your luck will seem.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) People will admire your loyalty and dedication in the face of a difficult decision.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) While ambition is a fine thing to get you up in the morning, now is the time to keep your goals realistic.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) If you pool resources with others, your dreams are likely to become a reality.

RALPH



WORD SLEUTH

WORLD SERIES MVPs

J C Z W T Q H N K I F C Z W U
R P M H C N E B J H E C Z X U
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U T S O J I R Q P O N G L W K

Wednesday's unlisted clue: **WHEY**

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Thursday's unlisted clue: **CATCHER JOHNNY**

Borders Gibson Morris Stewart
Brosius Glavine Rijo Viola
Cey Hernandez Rivera Wetteland
Dent Molitor Rose

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For solution, see Classified.

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ACROSS

1 Unhurd
9 Hashana
13 Works in the Uffizi Palace
15 Fortress on a hill
16 Regarding
18 Movie princess
19 Man in a suit
20 Creator of 35-Across
22 Approves, in a way
23 Quattro maker
24 Ice grp.
25 Not just one
26 Crew members
27 Jane ____
28 Like old postcards

30 Parents, often
32 Rodeo catcher
34 Velvet finish?
35 Popular fictional 31-Down
39 One with a match?
40 Retinue
41 Outdo in
44 Active volcanoes, e.g.
48 "Go on"
49 Friday companion
52 Aware of
53 Magie of 1950's baseball
54 New York-area college
55 Entrance
57 Favorite sport of 35-Across

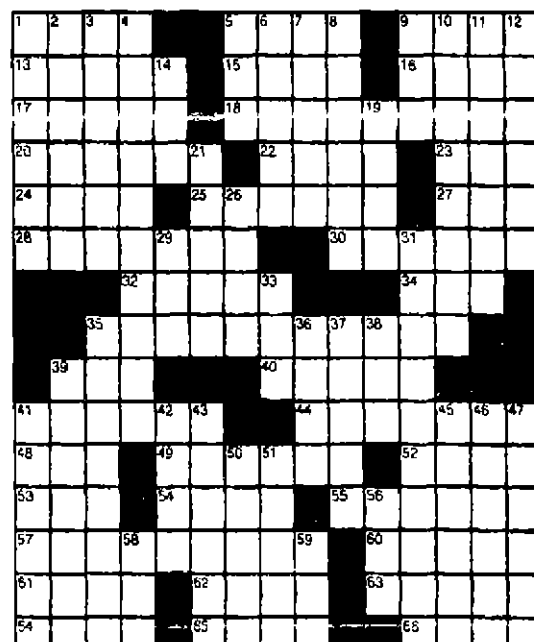
60 Singer Crystal
61 Forearm bone
62 Te Kanawa
63 Tanks and such
64 Times for les vacances
65 "Light" and "dark" orders
66 Homes in the hills

DOWN

1 Japanese port near Nagasaki
2 Pressure
3 Rocco
4 Subject taught at 35-Across's school
5 Rule of India
6 "Ship of Fools" actor Werner
7 Play, in a way
8 Like monks
9 Unstinting amount
10 Comet, for one
11 Small-time
12 Super Bowl XV team
14 Down
19 Lush
21 U-boat detector
26 "The Practice" role Abbr.
29 Always, poetically
31 See 35-Across
33 Clever

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ALPS SPINS TRAM
SORE ORNOT IAGO
ATOM LODGE EBRO
FIVEPOSTERBED
SKA ERE CRIES
NINEGALLONHAT
ARENA IDEO
GIRO CUBED PENN
EASY COPAY
SIXDEADLYSINS
BLIND EOS POE
EIGHTYEARITCH
BANE ADMIT HATA
ONER LEAVE ANON
PATE ENTER BYES



Puzzle by David J. Kahn

35 It may get your attention
45 Catalyst of a sort
50 Sammy Kaye's "Tomorrow"
51 "bleu"
56 Eastern title
58 Court figs
59 Part of H.R.H.
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